

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6560

LCO No. 3926

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF FEES AND COSTS IN CRIMINAL MATTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 54-147 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):
- 3 (a) The judges of the Superior Court may establish rules, in addition
- 4 to those [already] established by statute, for the payment of the
- 5 expenses of all criminal proceedings or prosecutions, except such
- 6 expenses as are incurred by the Division of Criminal Justice.
- 7 (b) No fee or cost imposed pursuant to any provision of the general
- 8 statutes on a person who is a defendant or has been convicted in a
- 9 criminal proceeding or prosecution shall be waived by the court,
- 10 except as authorized by such provision or for good cause shown. If,
- 11 pursuant to such provision or upon such showing, the court waives
- 12 any such fee or cost, the court shall impose a reasonable period of
- 13 community service in lieu of such fee or cost.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To increase state revenue by precluding the waiver of fees and costs in criminal matters without a finding of good cause.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]